



The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire

# Monthly Mews

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Open: Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-7pm; Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays 12-5pm

## Starting the New Year With A New Pet!



Now that you have a new friend, it's best to be prepared to prevent confusion and stress for both you and your pet.



**Establish the rules.** Decide who's responsible for what: grooming, feeding, exercising, cleaning, and play-time. Also establish all areas that are "off-limits" for your new pet. For example, you may not want your pet to sleep on the bed.



**Have all the necessary supplies ready.** Examples are food, bowls, leash or harness, collar, brush, and so on.



**Safety.** Make sure everyone knows how to safely handle your pet.



**Pet-proof your home.** Lock away household chemicals, such as cleansers, insecticide, antifreeze, and others. Be sure to clean up spills immediately. Many houseplants are poisonous, so keep them out of reach.



**Tie electrical cords out of the way,** if you can. Dogs and cats can chew on electrical cords - or even catch them while walking (or running!), causing lamps, TVs, & radios to fall.



**Keep doors closed** - this includes the doors to your washer and dryer, your closets, the cupboards ... inquisitive little animals can sneak in just about anywhere!

For more information on animal safety, please visit [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org)

## Fun Kid Crafts

Hamsters & Guinea Pigs like to play with straw. Take an old paper towel tube and fill it with hay & straw.



### Simple Cat Toys:

Paper or ping pong ball - Believe it or not, your Kitty can have hours of fun with this. Simply take a large piece of paper, crumple it into a ball and throw it.

Empty plastic bottles with labels removed and bells or lights inside will make your cat go crazy for hours.

Blow bubbles! Easy for you and fun for your cat.



## Love & Enjoy Your New Friend !

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